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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST TO PULL OUT OF INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 10057

1. CORRESPONDENT DAVID GREENWAY, ACTING HERE AS BUSINESS REP-
RESENTATIVE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST, ADVISED THE EMBASSY TO-
DAY ON THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS MEETING LAST EVENING WITH A. N. D.
HAKSAR, MEA PRESS SPOKESMAN.

2. CONTRARY TO THE ANTICIPATED ATMOSPHERE, REPORTED IN REFTEL,
HE WAS TOLD THAT THE QUESTION OF THE WASHINGTON POST HAD NOT
BEEN DECIDED BY THE GOI AND PERMISSION FOR THE OPERATION IN
INDIA BY POST NEWSMEN WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

4. ADDITIONALLY, GREENWAY WAS WARNED THAT ANY REPORTING HE MIGHT
DO SUBSEQUENT TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM INDIA WOULD INFLUENCE THE
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ATTITUDE OF THE GOI AND THE DECISION THEY WOULD MAKE.

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5. GREENWAY PROTEST ON THIS POINT AND SAID THAT HE FOUND SUCH A CONDITION EXTREMELY HARD TO ACCEPT, ONE NEVER CONSIDERED IN THEIR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS, A FACTOR WHICH AT NO TIME HAD ENTERED INTO THEIR AGREEMENT PERMITTING HIM TO BE IN INDIA NOW WORKING ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS OF THE WASHINGTON POST. GREENWAY HAD UNDERSTOOD HE WAS PROHIBITED FROM FILING ONLY WHILE IN INDIA.

6. AFTER GREENWAY REPORTED THESE FACTS LAST NIGHT TO THE WASH-INGTON POST HE SAYS THE NEWSPAPER HAS DECIDED TO PULL OUT OF INDIA. IN WHAT HE TERMS "OPERATION POST PULL" THEY WILL CLOSE UP THEIR SMALL PROFESSIONAL/DOMESTIC STAFF.
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